

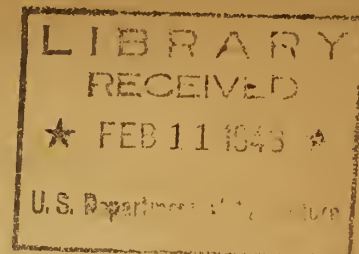
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DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS  
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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER PARTICIPATION IN AMA DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distribution:	School Lunch
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	Program Participation	Program Participation
Northeast	504,647	\$1,764,828.50	376,393	955,629
South	288,139	679,565.00	662,732	1,356,651
Great Lakes	288,056	959,623.00	289,562	624,653
Midwest	263,337	798,037.00	62,121	574,417
Southwest	350,884	873,828.50	159,059	471,676
Rocky Mountain	93,174	257,942.50	13,510	127,768
Pacific	144,412	515,316.50	9,811	270,750
Caribbean Area	-	-	569,658	140,335
Total	1,932,649	\$5,849,141.00	2,142,846	4,521,879

SUMMARY

In November, 4.1 million persons in family groups, including 574,000 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii, participated in AMA family food programs; 4.5 million children participated in the School Lunch Program. Food distributed: 182.4 million pounds valued at 12.7 million dollars.

1. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 1.9 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 10.7 million dollars; blue stamps, 5.8 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$3.03. Food purchased with blue stamps, 101.2 million pounds.
2. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 2.1 million persons in family groups; 500,000 persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 39.3 million pounds valued at 3 million dollars.
3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 4.5 million children in 63,000 schools. Foods distributed: 41.9 million pounds valued at 3.9 million dollars.
4. SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM. Estimated participation: 1 million children.

## The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1467 counties and 86 city areas in November. 81 million persons, 61.6 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 3,006,806 eligible persons, 1,932,649 or 64 per cent participated. This was a decline of 210,000 persons from the total participating in October.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$5,849,000 in blue stamp issuance, \$605,000 less than in October, the Northeast Region received 30.2 per cent; the Southern Region 11.6 per cent; the Great Lakes Region 16.4 per cent; the Midwest Region 13.7 per cent; the Southwest Region 14.9 per cent; the Rocky Mountain Region 4.4 per cent; and the Pacific Region 8.8 per cent.

The declines in participation and blue stamp issuance continue the steady downward trend registered for several months. Comparison with November of last year shows declines of 42 per cent in number of persons participating, and of 34 per cent in amount of blue stamps issued.

Average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$3.03 in November, an increase of 2 cents over October, and a new high in per capita issuance. Orange stamp issuance in November: 10.7 million dollars; \$5.56 per capita; a decline of 1.1 million dollars from October. "Free blue" issuance in November: \$2,912 to 2,463 participants; \$1.18 per capita; a decline of \$3,047 and 2,465 persons from October.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. November purchases of food: 101.2 million pounds, valued at 5.8 million dollars. No change occurred in the blue stamp list during November, which included the following items: eggs, white and graham flour, corn meal and hominy grits, dry beans, six varieties of fresh vegetables, and apples. Of the total amount spent for food, eggs accounted for 26.6 per cent; cereals and flour 24.3 per cent; total vegetables 40 per cent; and apples 9.1 per cent.

Blue stamp money expended during the month decreased 9.4 per cent from October, total quantity of food purchased decreased 10.5 per cent.

BLUE STAMPS ISSUED TO EDUCATIONAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Issuance of free blue stamps to Educational and Demonstration Projects, reported by two regions in November, totaled \$934. Issuance in the Southern Region amounted to \$462, and in the Southwestern Region, \$472.



TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, NOVEMBER 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent of Certified Participating	This Month	Cumulative This Fiscal Year	Average Per Person
TOTAL	3,006,806	1,932,649	63	\$5,849,141.00	\$34,161,895.25/1	3.03
<b>NORTHEASTERN</b>	<b>884,929</b>	<b>504,647</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,764,828.50</b>	<b>10,465,251.00</b>	<b>3.50</b>
Connecticut	5,001	4,209	84	16,110.00	92,216.50	3.83
Delaware	2,437	1,307	54	3,911.50	23,118.00	2.99
Maine	27,571	18,411	67	46,681.00	337,123.00	2.54
Maryland	24,715	5,401	22	16,663.00	91,981.00	3.09
Massachusetts	89,297	55,563	62	195,838.50	1,146,966.00	3.52
New Hampshire	12,623	9,352	74	32,193.50	171,893.50	3.44
New Jersey	31,372	20,092	64	76,317.50	451,983.50	3.80
New York	416,137	299,429	72	1,089,095.00	6,517,278.00	3.64
Pennsylvania	254,650	83,531	33	251,702.00	1,429,113.00	3.01
Rhode Island	18,330	5,574	30	31,130.00	175,948.00	5.58
Vermont	2,796	1,778	64	5,186.50	27,630.50	2.92
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	<b>356,982</b>	<b>288,139</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>679,565.00</b>	<b>3,683,343.50</b>	<b>2.36</b>
Alabama	19,254	15,623	81	33,984.00	221,109.00	2.18
Florida	65,597	46,917	72	134,377.00	742,328.50	2.86
Georgia	39,855	30,462	76	75,547.50	410,526.00	2.48
Kentucky	32,115	25,264	79	63,682.00	304,479.50	2.52
Mississippi	74,838	65,528	88	126,495.00	692,684.00	1.93
North Carolina	48,074	40,060	83	89,217.00	474,626.50	2.23
South Carolina	16,217	11,768	73	25,203.00	142,507.50	2.14
Tennessee	49,974	43,473	87	108,966.50	577,746.50	2.51
Virginia	11,058	9,044	82	22,093.00	117,336.00	2.44
<b>GREAT LAKES</b>	<b>446,047</b>	<b>288,056</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>959,623.00</b>	<b>5,477,121.75/2</b>	<b>3.33</b>
Illinois	112,276	88,650	79	338,683.00	1,875,528.75	3.82
Indiana	18,759	10,150	54	29,041.50	174,759.00	2.86
Michigan	143,509	79,068	55	246,519.50	1,417,107.50	3.12
Ohio	116,048	80,240	69	246,335.00	1,401,830.50	3.07
Wisconsin	55,455	29,948	54	99,044.00	555,741.50	3.31
<b>MIDWEST</b>	<b>410,071</b>	<b>263,337</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>798,037.00</b>	<b>4,625,066.50</b>	<b>3.03</b>
Iowa	48,979	36,518	75	111,026.00	682,359.00	3.04
Kansas	79,441	46,308	58	136,575.00	740,657.00	2.95
Minnesota	132,287	84,318	64	268,020.00	1,526,254.00	3.18
Missouri	67,605	36,943	55	109,483.50	659,783.00	2.96
Nebraska	30,821	26,546	86	83,343.50	487,860.00	3.14
North Dakota	22,322	16,100	72	42,468.00	258,333.50	2.64
South Dakota	28,616	16,604	58	47,121.00	269,820.00	2.84
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>456,688</b>	<b>350,884</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>873,828.50</b>	<b>5,466,098.00</b>	<b>2.49</b>
Arkansas	66,730	50,289	75	131,462.00	771,327.50	2.61
Louisiana	83,143	76,183	92	164,367.00	821,639.00	2.16
Oklahoma	119,210	102,344	86	252,466.50	1,288,378.50	2.47
Texas	187,605	122,068	65	325,533.00	2,584,753.00	2.67
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>	<b>201,326</b>	<b>93,174</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>257,942.50</b>	<b>1,473,330.00</b>	<b>2.77</b>
Colorado	51,162	25,874	51	75,193.00	429,295.00	2.91
Idaho	39,153	12,802	33	34,425.50	198,511.50	2.69
Montana	33,120	16,777	51	47,398.50	267,080.50	2.83
New Mexico	37,869	20,500	54	48,125.50	265,175.00	2.35
Utah	31,931	13,010	41	40,928.50	247,839.50	3.15
Wyoming	8,088	4,211	52	11,871.50	65,428.50	2.82
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>250,763</b>	<b>144,412</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>515,316.50</b>	<b>2,938,196.50</b>	<b>3.57</b>
Arizona	27,211	16,785	62	47,204.00	264,356.00	2.81
California	129,670	68,715	53	249,146.00	1,399,462.50	3.63
Nevada	3,432	1,175	34	3,835.50	20,576.50	3.26
Oregon	38,933	18,628	48	61,636.00	341,637.00	3.31
Washington	51,517	39,109	76	153,495.00	912,164.50	3.92

/1 The cumulative U. S. total includes \$33,488.00 representing issuance of blue stamps in the Virgin Islands. The program was closed in this area on October 31.

/2 Including \$52,154.50 in blue stamps issued in two Kentucky counties which have now been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Southern Region.

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES, AND QUANTITY OF COMMODITIES  
PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES  
NOVEMBER 1942

Commodity	Unit	Quantity <sup>/1</sup>	Value	Percent of Total Value
		Thousands	Thousand dollars	
Eggs	doz. <sup>/2</sup>	3,548	1,557	26.62
White Flour	lb.	24,043	1,070	18.29
Graham Flour	lb.	497	30	.51
Corn Meal	lb.	6,537	243	4.16
Hominy Grits	lb.	1,681	76	1.30
Total Cereals	lb.	32,758	1,419	24.26
Dry Beans	lb.	4,049	389	6.65
Cabbage	lb.	5,563	156	2.67
Carrots	lb.	2,336	112	1.91
Lettuce	lb.	1,683	152	2.60
Potatoes	lb.	20,835	639	10.92
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5,280	243	4.15
Tomatoes	lb.	2,021	166	2.84
Other Vegetables	lb.	9,669	481	8.22
Total Vegetables	lb.	51,436	2,338	39.96
Apples	lb.	11,644	536	9.16
TOTAL	lb.	101,160	5,850	100.00

<sup>/1</sup> Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.

<sup>/2</sup> Converted to pounds in total.

Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. No adjustments have been made for possible loss or misuse of blue stamps. If data for individual regions are required, they may be obtained from the Economic Analysis Division.

### The Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 2.1 million persons in family groups, including 574,000 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Hawaii. Of total participants in the continental United States, 42.2 per cent were in the Southern Region; 24.0 per cent in the Northeast; 18.5 per cent in the Great Lakes Region; 10.1 per cent in the Southwest Region; 4.0 per cent in the Midwest; .9 per cent in the Rocky Mountain Region; and .3 per cent in the Pacific Region.

Participation in family groups during November of last year totaled 4.8 million persons. This year's participation was 55 per cent below that of last year.

Other groups participating in the Direct Distribution Program this month: 426,000 persons in 984 charitable institutions and organizations; 72,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, NYA resident training camps, and other special groups; 2,800 children in camps and recreational projects.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 32.6 million pounds to families, 6.7 million pounds to institutions and other special groups. Estimated retail value for these combined groups, 3.0 million dollars. Foods distributed to approximately 50 per cent of persons participating in October (latest month for which detailed data are available) include evaporated milk, oat or wheat cereal, corn meal or grits, graham flour, white flour, apples, and dry beans.

Approximate cost to the AMA of foods distributed under the Direct Distribution Program: 1.7 million dollars.

#### The School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 4.5 million children in 63,000 schools; approximately 16 per cent of total children enrolled in schools within the United States.

In November of last year, 5.3 million children in 76,000 schools participated. This represents a drop of 744,000 children and 13,000 schools from last year, or declines of 14 per cent in children and 17 per cent in schools participating.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 42 million pounds with an estimated retail value of 3.9 million dollars. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children in October were: evaporated milk, oat or wheat cereal, corn meal or grits, graham or white flour, apples, dry beans, canned pork and beans. Items distributed to approximately one-third of the participating children included: cheese, dried skim milk, grapefruit juice, prunes, canned tomatoes, and peanut butter.

Approximate cost to the AMA of foods distributed through the School Lunch Program: 2.1 million dollars.

#### The School Milk Program

It is estimated that about 1 million children participated in the School Milk Program during November. Approximate expenditures by the AMA: \$350,000.



TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS  
BY STATE, NOVEMBER 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families				Persons in Families			Number of
	Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Receiving A.M.A. Foods Only			Children
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	served by School Lunch
			Number	% of Total				
TOTAL	4,075,495	2,142,846	1,932,649	47.4	1,206,727	959,416	247,311	4,521,879
NORTHEAST	881,040	376,393	504,647	57.3	82,452	49,294	33,158	955,629
Connecticut	13,620	9,419	4,209	30.9	2,122	1,351	471	40,823
Delaware	2,175	868/1	1,307	60.1	-	-	-	3,856/1
Dist. of Col.	12,295	12,295	-	-	2,074	2,074	-	7,772
Maine	18,411	-	18,411	100.0	-	-	-	28,400
Maryland	7,080	1,679	5,401	76.3	-	-	-	17,895
Massachusetts	151,982	96,419	55,563	36.6	40,302	30,810	9,492	125,156
New Hampshire	9,352	-	9,352	100.0	-	-	-	42,954
New Jersey	66,022	45,930	20,092	30.4	1,271	1,271	-	100,890
New York	352,131	52,792/1	299,429	85.0	23,195	- /1	23,195	271,885/1
Pennsylvania	108,807	25,276	83,531	76.8	402	402	-	239,807
Rhode Island	7,874	2,300	5,574	70.8	49	49	-	4,133
Vermont	17,798	16,020	1,778	10.0	10,007	10,007	-	9,348
West Virginia	113,485	113,485	-	-	3,030	3,030	-	62,710
SOUTHERN	950,871	662,732	288,139	30.3	374,539	264,026	110,513	1,356,651
Alabama	72,449	56,826/1	15,623	21.6	14,428	11,598/1	2,830	20,181/1
Florida	144,211	97,294	46,917	32.5	86,953	62,334	24,619	99,462
Georgia	132,371	101,909	30,462	23.0	53,054	43,129	9,925	392,869
Kentucky	166,763	141,439	25,264	15.1	93,805	86,257	7,548	111,366
Mississippi	86,131	20,603	65,528	76.1	48,106	9,419	38,687	133,641
North Carolina	105,047	64,587	40,060	38.1	45,263	26,729	18,534	86,941
South Carolina	72,470	60,702	11,768	16.2	2,757	1,684	1,073	274,659
Tennessee	122,220	78,747	43,473	35.6	19,715	13,394	6,321	139,882
Virginia	49,209	40,165	9,044	18.4	10,458	9,482	776	97,650
GREAT LAKES	577,618	289,562	288,056	49.9	24,750	19,517	5,233	624,653
Illinois	191,914	102,864	88,650	46.3	3,173	2,907	266	152,637
Indiana	63,192	53,042	10,150	16.1	244	244	-	55,110
Michigan	118,568	39,500	79,068	66.7	1,736	1,528	208	189,052
Ohio	144,664	64,424	80,240	55.5	10,928	9,261	1,667	127,580
Wisconsin	59,680	29,732	29,948	50.2	8,669	5,577	3,092	100,274
MIDWEST	325,458	62,121	263,337	80.9	17,195	2,201	14,994	574,417
Iowa	46,256	9,738	36,518	78.9	3,472	2,189	1,283	55,564
Kansas	49,377	3,069	46,308	93.8	2,572	12	2,580	61,477
Minnesota	84,318	-	84,318	100.0	10,066	-	10,066	174,486
Missouri	83,494	46,551	36,943	44.2	237	-	297	145,606
Nebraska	26,546	-	26,546	100.0	-	-	-	42,399
North Dakota	16,100	-	16,100	100.0	676	-	676	53,756
South Dakota	19,367	2,763	16,604	85.7	22	-	92	41,127
SOUTHWEST	509,243	159,059	350,884	68.8	136,106	52,693	83,413	471,676
Arkansas	90,941	40,652	50,289	55.3	27,988	10,254	17,734	73,571
Louisiana	103,399	27,216	76,183	73.7	3,020	753	2,267	109,894
Oklahoma	102,344	-	102,344	100.0	5,185	-	5,185	60,866/1
Texas	213,259	91,191	122,068	57.2	92,913	41,686	58,227	227,345
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	106,684	13,510	93,174	87.3	1,673	1,673	-	127,768
Colorado	36,099	10,225	25,874	71.7	1,673	1,673	-	26,311
Idaho	13,343	541	12,802	95.9	-	-	-	21,209
Montana	19,156	2,379	16,777	87.6	-	-	-	16,583
New Mexico	20,865	365	20,500	98.3	-	-	-	28,520
Utah	13,010	-	13,010	100.0	-	-	-	28,075
Wyoming	4,211	-	4,211	100.0	-	-	-	7,070
PACIFIC	154,223	2,811	144,412	93.6	354	354	-	270,750
Arizona	20,736	3,251	17,485	80.9	-	-	-	20,534
California	69,277	562	68,715	99.2	-	-	-	162,365
Nevada	1,751	616	1,135	65.6	-	-	-	3,750
Oregon	18,526	-	18,526	100.0	-	-	-	17,866
Washington	39,109	-	39,109	100.0	-	-	-	56,548
Hawaii	4,682	4,682	-	-	354	354	-	9,657
CARIBBEAN AREA	569,658	569,658	-	-	569,658	569,658	-	140,335
Puerto Rico	568,226	568,226	-	-	568,226	568,226	-	137,687
Virgin Islands/2	1,432	1,432	-	-	1,432	1,432	-	2,648/1

/1 October figures. November figures not available.

/2 St. Croix only.